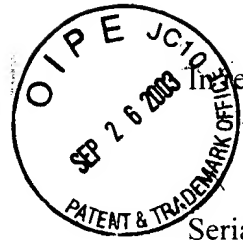


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ELECTION

Honorable Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Responsive to the Restriction and Species requirements contained in the Office Action mailed September 8, 2003, the applicant elects the claims of Group II, i.e. claims 116-135, with traverse.

Since the requirement for a species election relates to claims now non-elected, no species election is required. Accordingly no species designation of claims is required.

The ground for traversal is simply that the examiner has completely failed to meet his or her burden of proof to make out a prime facie case that the claims of the two groups specified on page 2 of the Office Action are patentably distinct one from the other. Likewise, in respect the species requirement, which is moot, the examiner failed to make a showing that the two identified species are, in fact "patentably distinct."

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